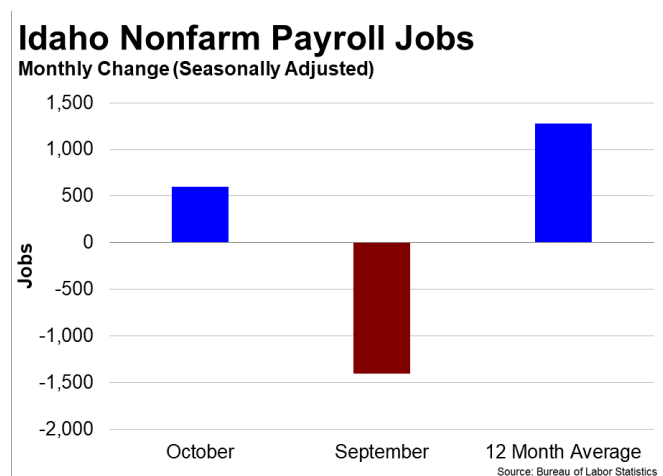
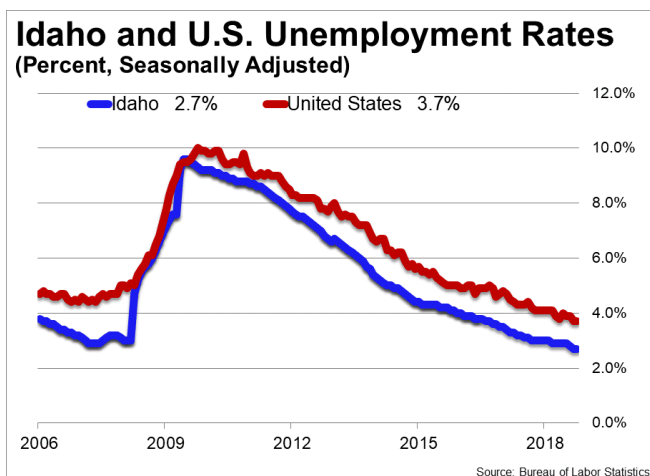




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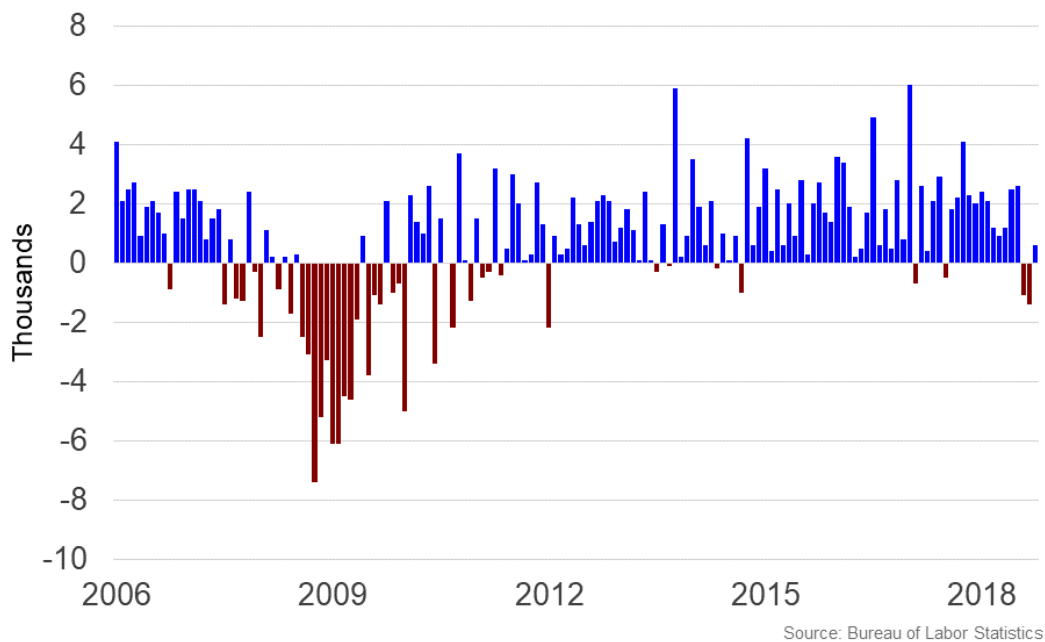
## Summary

- **Idaho added 600 jobs and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 2.7 percent in October** according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data.
- **Over the past twelve months, Idaho added 15,300 jobs** and the unemployment rate fell by 0.3 percentage point from 3 percent.
- **In October, Idaho's private sector added 400 jobs** and over the past twelve months it created 12,400 jobs.
- The number of **unemployed Idahoans fell by 454 in October**, and over the past year 13,890 Idahoans found jobs.
- Idaho's **labor force participation rate decreased to 63.5 percent** from 63.6 percent in October. Since last year, the labor force participation rate fell 0.7 percentage point.
- The national unemployment rate **was unchanged at 3.7 percent in October**. State employment and unemployment data for November is scheduled for release on December 21, 2018. The national employment situation report for November will be released on Friday, December 7, 2018.



# Idaho Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Monthly Change (Thousands, Seasonally Adjusted)



## Idaho Payroll Employment

Idaho added 600 jobs, or 0.08 percent, on a seasonally adjusted basis during October. In the prior month, Idaho lost 1,400 jobs. Over the past twelve months, nonfarm payrolls in Idaho increased by 15,300, or 2.11 percent. Idaho nonfarm payroll employment has increased in 10 of the past 12 months.

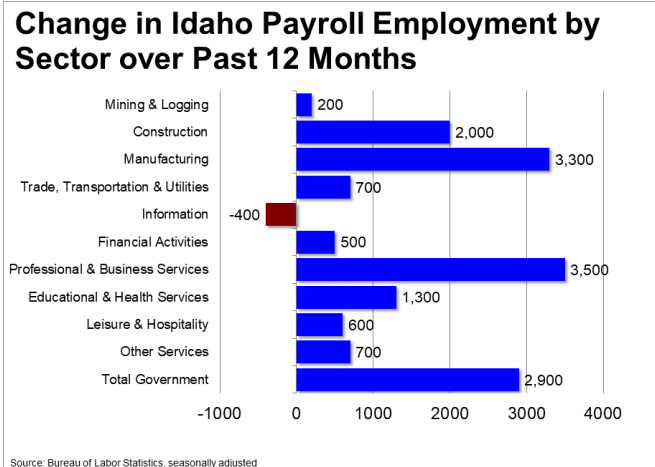
Nationally, nonfarm payrolls increased by 250,000 jobs in October, or 0.17 percent. Over the 12-month period ending October 2018, nonfarm payrolls grew by 2,516,000 jobs, or 1.71 percent. Idaho ranks 15th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.

During October, Idaho's private-sector added 400 jobs, or 0.07 percent. The private-sector in Idaho lost 700 jobs in the prior month. Over the past twelve months, private-sector payrolls in Idaho increased by 12,400, or 2.07 percent. Idaho private-sector payroll employment has increased in 10 of the past 12 months.

Nationally, private-sector payroll jobs increased by 246,000 jobs in October, or 0.19 percent. Over the past 12 months, the nation's economy has added 2,450,000 jobs in the private-sector, an increase of 1.96 percent. Idaho ranks 16th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in private-sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during October were Educational & Health Services (+900), Construction (+400), and Professional & Business Services (+400). The poorest performing sectors during the month were Leisure & Hospitality (-800) and Trade, Transportation & Utilities (-400).

The best performing sectors during the last twelve months were Professional & Business Services (+3,500) and Manufacturing (+3,300). The poorest performing sectors during the last twelve months were Information (-400) and Mining & Logging (+200).



## Idaho Labor Force Statistics

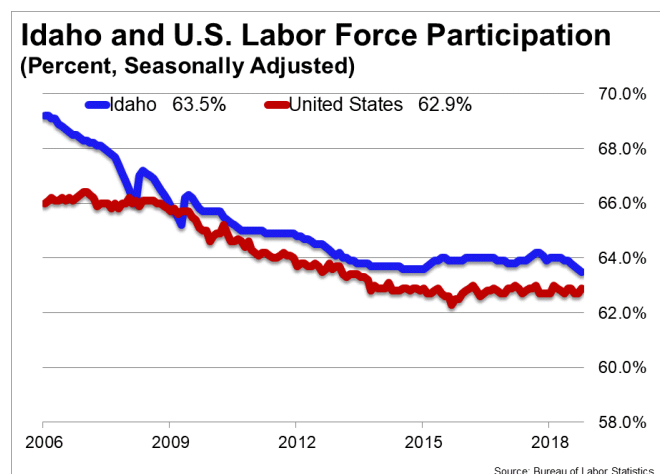
### *Labor Force Participation*

The labor force participation rate in Idaho declined to 63.5 percent in October from 63.6 percent the prior month. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 24 have a higher labor force participation rate than Idaho. The labor force participation rate in Idaho is unchanged from a year earlier. The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Idaho was 66.3 percent in June 2009. The series high for the labor force participation rate in Idaho occurred in November 1998 when the labor force participation rate hit 71.0 percent. The 10-year low for the labor force participation rate was 63.5 percent in October 2018. The series low for the labor force participation rate occurred in April 1976 when the labor force participation rate hit 62.8 percent. The national labor force participation rate rose by 0.2 percentage point to 62.9 percent in October, but remains near its 38-year low of 62.4 percent.

### *Employment-to-Population Ratio*

The employment-to-population ratio, or the percentage of the Idaho civilian noninstitutionalized population 16 years and older counted as employed, was unchanged at



61.8 percent in October. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 19 have higher employment-to-population ratios than Idaho. The employment-to-population ratio in Idaho is 0.5 percentage point lower than a year earlier.

The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio in Idaho was 62.3 percent in October 2017. The series high for the employment-to-population ratio in Idaho occurred in November 1998 when the employment-to-population ratio hit 67.4 percent. The 10-year low for the employment-to-population ratio was 59.3 percent in April 2011. The series low for the employment-to-population ratio occurred in March 1982 when the employment-to-population ratio was 58.1 percent.

The national employment-to-population ratio rose by 0.2 percentage point to 60.6 percent in October. That rate was 0.4 percentage point higher than a year earlier. The all-time high for the employment-to-population ratio was 64.7 in April 2000. The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio was 63.4 percent in December 2006. The recent low occurred in October 2013 when the employment-to-population ratio dipped to 58.2 percent. The last time the employment-to-population ratio posted a reading lower than 58.2 percent was July 1983.

